

REMARKS

A number of claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,408,128 issued to Abecassis that describes method of, and a system capable of, replaying with supplementary information a segment of a video. The supplementary information including, for example, subtitles, substitution of the audio language, different camera angles, other textual, video, and/or audio information that may supplement, complement, the information being played, and/or substitute, the audio dialogue and/or segment of a video; and/or any information which may be utilized to elucidate, illuminate, illustrate, clarify, and/or explain, during a replay, a portion of a video. The Examiner has specifically cited column 15 lines 43 –67 and Figures 5A – 5E of Abecassis which clearly show that Abecassis is limited to providing supplementary information for video segments formed of a number of individual video frames in a non-linear manner. For example, at column 16 first paragraph, “editing of this variable content video format requires a *parallel non-sequential logical arrangement of segments*”. In other words, Abecassis is directed at providing multiple versions of video (such as the PG, R, and NC-17 versions) some of which may have, at the most, an entire video frame annotated since Abecassis never discusses or suggests annotating anything less than a full video frame.

In contrast, the invention describes a video presentation tool kit for annotating a **portion** of a video frame used in association with other video frames (which may or may not have portions annotated) to form a single version of a video presentation (i.e., the video frames are **linearly associated** in that one frame is directly linked with another). In other words, the invention is directed at providing additional enhancements to a single version of a video presentation. In particular, claim 1 recites,

“A video presentation tool kit for creating an annotated video presentation formed of a number of linearly associated video frames; comprising:

a user activated designation tool for designating at least a portion of at least one of the number of video frames;

an annotator tool for annotating the designated video frame portion; and

an authoring tool arranged to provide additional effects to enhance the designated video frame portion”.

Therefore in contrast to Abecassis, the invention as recited in claim 1 as amended teaches a tool kit for annotating portions of video frames used to form a single version of a video presentation by designating a portion of a video frame and annotating and/or enhancing that designated portion.

Accordingly, the Applicant believes that Abecassis does not anticipate nor reasonably suggests the invention as recited in claim 1 and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the U.S.C. 102(e) rejection thereof.

Independent claim 15 as amended teaches a system that recites limitation similar in scope to independent claim 1 and is therefore also allowable.

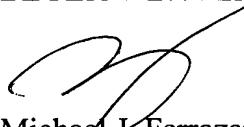
All dependent claims depend either directly or indirectly from claims 1 and/or 15 and are therefore also allowable for at least the reasons stated for claims 1 and 15 above.

The Examiner also rejected a number of other claims as being obvious under Abecassis in view of U.S. Patent 5,607,356 issued to Schwartz that adds nothing to Abecassis with regards to the claimed limitations of the invention. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the secondary reference fails to cure the deficiencies of Abecassis and request that the Examiner withdraw the obviousness type rejections thereof.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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